

Important Stuff...

Training Opportunity!

Do you need a quick brush-up? Do you have someone new on board? Looking for free training without travel?

Well: Maternal and Child Health's online training site is now LIVE!!!!! We have three modules available: Informing, MCH Overview, and CAReS Demographics. These modules can be viewed in less than a lunch hour, but are packed with useful information. Look for more information from Shelley Horak soon!!!

Don't forget the Cost Analysis Webinar scheduled for August 28th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. This practical webinar will help answer your questions about cost analysis and provide you with some insight as to how to easily complete this required process. Click <u>here</u> to register!

Check out the IME Informational Letter #1262 - Reimbursement Rate Changes

Relationship between medical well baby visits and first dental examinations for young children in Medicaid (continued from page 1)

They found that within the sample, less than 2% of children received an initial dental exam within 12 months, and 10% received the first dental exam within the first 41 months (this is the cutoff for well-baby visits according to the Medicaid schedule of periodicity) (Chi et al., 2013). Children who received more well-baby visits between the ages of 1 and 2 were 2.96 times more likely to receive a dental exam earlier in life than children who received fewer well baby visits during that time period.

Other factors influencing the timing of first dental exams included race (white children were more likely to receive earlier exams), seeing multiple providers for well-baby visits (children seeing multiple providers were less likely to receive early dental exams), and whether or not the mother used preventive dental care prenatally (those whose mothers did use preventive dental care were more likely to receive earlier dental exams). Geographic location and living in a dental Health Professional Shortage Area were not significantly related to early dental exams, suggesting that timing of the first dental exam is influenced more by familial and social factors than community and system-level factors (Chi et al., 2013).

What can you do?

Encouraging families to get a dental exam earlier can help prevent tooth decay and other complications in babies and young children. The results of this study also suggest that encouraging families to identify a medical home and primary care provider can increase the child's chances of receiving an earlier dental exam. Understanding the implications of the study can help to guide decision-making, but future research is necessary to fully understand what clinical and policy changes need to be made to really improve children's oral health (especially those enrolled in Medicaid). Like any study, there are several limitations to the factors used and data obtained that warrant further research.

Reference:

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Chi, D. L., Momany, E. T., Jones, M. P., Kuthy, R. A., Askelson, N. M., Wehby, G. L., & Damiano, P. C. (2013). Relationship between medical well baby visits and first dental examinations for young children in medicaid. American Journal of Public Health, 103(2), 347-354. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2012.300899

Iowa Household Health Survey (IHHS) Insurance Report

In July, the Iowa Household Health Survey (IHHS) Insurance Report was published by the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Public Policy Center. First conducted in 2000, the purpose of the IHHS is to assess the health and well-being of children and families and to explore early childhood issues in Iowa. It is the only state survey in the US specifically focused on child health. Survey topics include health status, access

to care, dental care, behavioral/emotional health, emergency room use, medical home status, physical activity and nutrition, substance abuse, and social determinants of health. The Insurance Report explores the level of health insurance coverage among children in Iowa, the factors related to their type of coverage, and related health outcomes. For the complete Insurance Report, as well as other IHHS reports please visit: http://ppc.uiowa.edu/health/study/iowa-childand-family-household-health-survey-ihhs.

Click on the icon to the right for more information about the results of the survey.

Spotlight on Technology

Word clouds are a great way to use words to create a picture. They can be placed on a website, and you can even make them interactive so users can navigate to different websites using the word cloud. Tagul.com is a tool that allows you to create and customize word clouds for free, and provides a variety of formats to use, including picture formats, a link, and HTML code to embed on a website. Click on the word cloud to the right to see what it looks like in an interactive web format. Go to www.tagul.



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Data Integration Workgroup Update

The Data Integration Work Group published an RFI to gather information about possible solutions to integrating Bureau of Family Health data. Nine responses were received, and demos were provided by all vendors. Proposed potential solutions included a broad range of options, such as EHR systems, data integration and warehousing options, and total system replacement. The work group reviewed all responses and will use the analysis to better understand potential data solutions and program options. An internal needs assessment was also conducted to determine bureau and contractor data needs. The assessment included focus groups with contract agency staff, key informant interviews with state program administrators, and surveys with direct service providers. Needs assessment and RFI data will be combined to hone

the Data Integration Project scope, craft business requirements and develop the project plan.

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Statewide Rollout of Family Support Data Collection System

On July 1, 2013 the Iowa Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Early Childhood Iowa office, has expanded the REDCap Web-Based Data Collection System to include all Early Childhood Iowa (ECI), HOPES Healthy Families Iowa, and Shared Visions funded family support programs. The data system tracks home visit activities and periodic screening tool results for participants in family support programs. Currently, the statewide data collection system includes 1573 participant files and is growing daily. Please contact a MIECHV team member for more information.



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